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SUBJECT

DENMARK; Merchant Marine; M/V MORELIA

BRIEF (FOR REPORTS OF MORE THAN PAGE, ENTER CAREFUL SUMMARY)

Encl: (1) Copy of Crew List of M/V MORELIA
(2) Copy of Itinerary of M/V MORELIA Voyage Number 12.

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1. The Danish M/V MORELIA, operated by the East Asiatic Company of Copenhagen presently operating between Copenhagen and Vancouver, B. C., arrived in San Francisco, California 20 July 1953. The MORELIA reportedly visited Taku Bar and Tsingtao, China in 1953. [redacted] the ship visited the Chinese ports during February 1953 where the vessel's Captain was involved in several embarrassing incidents with Chinese Communist officials. As a direct result of these incidents the ship's Captain, upon his return to Denmark, notified company officials there that he would refuse to sail any vessel into Communist Chinese ports. The "MORELIA" subsequently was removed from the Orient run and is scheduled to travel between Europe and the West Coast of North America.

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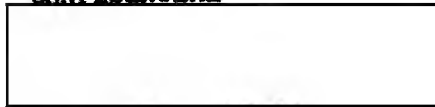
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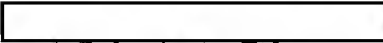
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Preparing Officer's Comment: This is forwarded as of possible interest to the
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 forwarded information regarding port conditions at Taku Bar
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